

DECISION RECORD AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
for
VANCE GRISHKOWSKY and DICK SJODEN

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize special recreation permits to Vance Grishkowsky and Dick Sjoden for a period of five years each, for commercial big game guiding operations on BLM administered land. The standard stipulations for special recreation permits are attached to the Decision Record and the authorizing permit.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The environmental analysis addresses the issues resulting from the Proposed Action. These guiding operations will help meet demand from the public for this type of service and increase the economic base of the area.

The decision to allow the Proposed Action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the Southwest Management Framework Plan (MFP), approved in November 1981.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The Proposed Action will not restrict subsistence uses. No reasonably foreseeable significant decrease in the abundance of harvestable resources and no limitation on harvester access to subsistence species will result from the Proposed Action.

V. Compliance and Monitoring Plan:

Monitoring will be conducted as part of a yearly compliance exam. These inspections assure that the permittees are in compliance with the stipulations and conditions attached to their permit.

/s/ Nick Douglas
Anchorage Field Manager

September 7, 2000
Date

Attachments:

Environmental Assessment: AK-040-EA00-026
Stipulations

BLM ANCHORAGE FIELD OFFICE
SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT (SRP) STIPULATIONS AND CONDITIONS
for
Vance Grishkowsky

1. This SRP authorizes Vance Grishkowsky to conduct commercial guiding activities in Guide/Outfitter Areas 22-06 and 22-07, including the Unalakleet National Wild River. Primary access is by boat. All hunting activities are by foot and fair chase. Temporary tent camps are authorized.
2. BLM permits can be amended or revoked at any time to comply with State requirements.
3. A SRP represents a nonexclusive privilege authorizing special uses of public lands, facilities and related waters and, should circumstances warrant, the permit may be modified by the BLM at any time, including the amount of use. The Authorized Officer may suspend a SRP if necessary to protect public resources, health, safety, the environment, or for noncompliance with permit stipulations. In the event that the lands are transferred to another federal or State agency or a Native corporation, the permit will expire.
4. Any aircraft utilized by the operator must carry liability and property damage insurance.
5. Adequate insurance must be obtained by the permittee and kept current in order to protect the user, the permittee, and the U.S. Government against liability and litigation. The minimum general liability limits are: \$300,000 or \$500,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury (State limits for guides HB-112), \$10,000 property damage per occurrence and \$25,000 annual aggregate, if the policy specifies aggregate limits. The policy shall list the U.S. Government as an additionally insured. The insurance must be for the company name authorized under the permit.
6. Unless specifically authorized, a SRP does not authorize the permittee to permanently erect, construct, or place any building, structure, or other fixture on the public lands. Any use of the public lands is subject to the condition that upon leaving, the lands must be restored as nearly as possible to preexisting conditions. Authorization for permanent structures will not be granted within the Unalakleet National Wild River Corridor.
7. The permittee must assume the responsibility for inspecting the permitted area for any existing or new hazardous conditions, e.g., natural landing areas, river channels, land slides, stream crossings, rocks, changing water and weather conditions, hazardous wildlife, or other hazards that present risks for which the permittee assumes responsibility. The permittee must promptly inform BLM of any potential hazardous waste sites.

8. This multi-year (5 year) permit must be validated annually through the 2004 use season. This can only occur when the permittee has paid annual fees, provided any necessary policies and licenses, and received an acceptable or probationary annual performance rating.
9. The permittee shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws. The permittee shall ensure that all persons operating under the authorization have obtained all required Federal, State or local licenses or registrations. The permittee shall make every reasonable effort to ensure compliance with these requirements by all agents of the permittee and by all clients or customers under the permittee's supervision.
10. No value shall be assigned to or claimed for the permit, or for the occupancy or use of Federal lands or related waters granted thereupon. No property or preference right is conveyed by this permit. The use of the permit as collateral is not recognized by the BLM..
11. Unless expressly stated, the SRP does not create an exclusive right of use of an area by the permittee. The permittee shall not interfere with other valid uses of Federal land by other users.
12. The permittee may not assign, sublease, or contract any portion of the permit activities without prior authorization from BLM.
13. The permittee must present or display a copy of the SRP to a participant, Authorized Officer's representative, or law enforcement personnel upon request. Any of the records or other documents related to the permit, the permittee or the permittee's operator, employee, or agent may be examined up to three years after expiration of the permit.
14. No cutting of live vegetation is allowed. Vegetation will be left in its natural state.
15. All human solid waste will be buried and covered with soil at least 100 feet from any stream, wetland, or gravel bar. All unburnable garbage will be back hauled from the area and deposited in an approved waste disposal site.
16. All stored fuel will be utilized a minimum of 150 feet from any water body. All fuel and fueling supplies will be back hauled from your camps and disposed of at an appropriate waste disposal site.
17. Each permittee is also subject to the stipulations and conditions checked on the back of the original permit.

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